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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: RD&E Board Meeting, 4 February 1971

1. Attending the meeting were:

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Mr. G. Miller

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2. Following a statement (attached) [redacted]

[redacted] reviewed the rationale by which they had organized an FY-73 RDT&E program totalling [redacted] with three priority add-ons of [redacted]. Other contract efforts amounting to [redacted] for which no funds were proposed from the Agency budget were also identified.

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3. There was some discussion, and general agreement, of the role which the R&D Board should play with respect to arriving at any particular RD&E budget level.

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[redacted]
Special Assistant to the
R&D Coordinator

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PPB Member

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Requested Insert for the Record
of the 3 February 1971 RD/WG Meeting

1. Responsive to the Working Group request of 28 January 1971 and in illustration of the approach requested of the Working Group in the fiscal guidance furnished by OPPB 25 January 1971, [] presented an example of possible RD&E program mixes within the parameters set forth in the fiscal guidance. [] emphasized that he was not making a particular program recommendation in this presentation; rather, he was attempting to show possible results using the approach recommended by OPPB. [] pointed out that the program totalling [] 25X1 resulted in a consideration of projects based on merit, i. e., consideration of the anticipated intelligence and operational payoffs as they relate to gaps, deficiencies, and uncertainties which can be reduced or eliminated by the application of research or technology. In arriving at the [] total, an attempt was made to identify low yield or marginal project efforts in order, consciously, to provide funding room for new starts or "surge" funding of promising RD&E efforts otherwise being phased too far into the future years. Having identified an austere base, an attempt was made to identify projects and efforts under various sub-categories which should be emphasized in terms of their potential utility and payoff. These "put backs" were categorized under priorities 1 and 2 noting that the adjusted total would then amount to [] and provide for the most promising of efforts proposed by directorates and offices.
2. Priority 3 "put backs" consisted of a selection among those proposals which had otherwise been excluded from the [] "austere" base and not picked-up in priority 1 and 2 "put backs".
3. [] then identified particular adjustments made in each of the 4 resulting program levels. It was pointed out that all projects were considered, and the resulting adjustments made affected all offices. Again, projects were considered in terms of merit rather than from an institutional "slice" point of view.

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25X1 4. [] concluded by noting again that the
25X1 substance of the OPPB submission was not to be considered
binding.. Instead [] recommended that the
Working Group undertake a similar approach in order to
identify alternative program mixes, and from such proposals
select one to be recommended to the R&D Coordinator with the
understanding that each representative in turn would record
his assent to the resulting proposal, or, would record his
reservation ~~in whole or in part~~ together with a statement setting
forth the rationale.

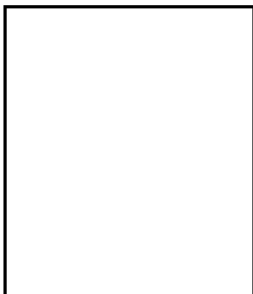
concerning the total or any part

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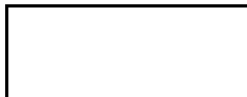
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